CONDOMINIUM OWNERS AMENDMENTS
2014 GENERAL SESSION
STATE OF UTAH
Chief Sponsor: Earl D. Tanner
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LONG TITLE
General Description:
This bill amends provisions of Title 57, Chapter 8, Condominium Ownership Act,
relating to the contents of a declaration.
Highlighted Provisions:
This bill:
<ul> <li>provides that if a condominium project's initial declaration was recorded before</li> </ul>
May 12, 2009, the association of unit owners may not prohibit or restrict a unit
owner's ability to rent the unit owner's unit to any greater extent than is described in
the declaration that was recorded at the time the unit owner purchased the unit
owner's unit, unless the unit owner provides written consent; and
<ul><li>makes technical changes.</li></ul>
Money Appropriated in this Bill:
None
Other Special Clauses:
None
<b>Utah Code Sections Affected:</b>
AMENDS:
57-8-10, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 355



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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **57-8-10** is amended to read:

## 57-8-10. Contents of declaration.

- (1) [Prior to] Before the conveyance of any unit in a condominium project, a declaration shall be recorded that contains the covenants, conditions, and restrictions relating to the project that shall be enforceable equitable servitudes, where reasonable, and which shall run with the land. Unless otherwise provided, these servitudes may be enforced by [any] a unit owner [and his successors] or a unit owner's successor in interest.
  - (2) (a) For every condominium project, the declaration shall:
- (i) [The declaration shall] include a description of the land or interests in real property included within the project[-];
- (ii) [The declaration shall] contain a description of any buildings[, which] that states the number of storeys and basements, the number of units, the principal materials of which the building is or is to be constructed, and a description of all other significant improvements contained or to be contained in the project[-];
- (iii) [The declaration shall] contain the unit number of each unit, the square footage of each unit, and any other description or information necessary to properly identify each unit[-];
- (iv) [The declaration shall] describe the common areas and facilities of the project[:]; and
- (v) [The declaration shall] describe any limited common areas and facilities and shall state to which units the use of the common areas and facilities is reserved.
- (b) Any shutters, awnings, window boxes, doorsteps, porches, balconies, patios, or other apparatus intended to serve a single unit, but located outside the boundaries of the unit, shall constitute a limited common area and facility appertaining to that unit exclusively, whether or not the declaration makes such a provision.
- (c) The condominium plat recorded with the declaration may provide or supplement the information required under Subsections (2)(a) and (b).
- (d) (i) The declaration shall include the percentage or fraction of undivided interest in the common areas and facilities appurtenant to each unit and [its] the unit owner for all purposes, including voting, derived and allocated in accordance with Subsection 57-8-7(2).
- (ii) If any use restrictions are to apply, the declaration shall state the purposes for which the units are intended and [restricted as to] the use restrictions that apply.

(iii) (A) The declaration shall include the name <u>and address</u> of a person to receive service of process on behalf of the project, in the cases provided by this chapter[<del>, together with the residence or place of business of that person</del>].

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- (B) The person described in Subsection (2)(d)(iii)(A) shall be a resident of, or shall maintain a place of business within, this state.
- (iv) The declaration shall describe the method by which [it] the declaration may be amended consistent with this chapter.
- (v) Any further matters in connection with the property may be included in the declaration, which the person or persons executing the declaration may consider desirable, consistent with this chapter.
- (vi) The declaration shall contain a statement of intention that this chapter applies to the property.
  - (e) The initial recorded declaration shall include:
- 72 (i) an appointment of a trustee who qualifies under Subsection 57-1-21(1)(a)(i) or (iv); 73 and
  - (ii) the following statement: "The declarant hereby conveys and warrants pursuant to U.C.A. Sections 57-1-20 and 57-8-45 to (name of trustee), with power of sale, the unit and all improvements to the unit for the purpose of securing payment of assessments under the terms of the declaration."
    - (3) (a) If the condominium project contains any convertible land, the declaration shall:
  - (i) [The declaration shall] contain a legal description by metes and bounds of each area of convertible land within the condominium project[-];
  - (ii) [The declaration shall] state the maximum number of units that may be created within each area of convertible land[-];
  - (iii) [(A) The declaration shall] state, with respect to each area of convertible land, the maximum percentage of the aggregate land and floor area of all units that may be created and the use of which will not or may not be restricted exclusively to residential purposes[. (B) The statements described in Subsection (3)(a)(iii)(A) need not be supplied if], unless none of the units on other portions of the land within the project are restricted exclusively to residential use[.];
    - (iv) [The declaration shall] state the extent to which any structure erected on any

convertible land will be compatible with structures on other portions of the land within the condominium project in terms of quality of construction, the principal materials to be used, and architectural style[-];

- (v) [The declaration shall] describe all other improvements that may be made on each area of convertible land within the condominium project[-];
- (vi) [The declaration shall] state that any units created within each area of convertible land will be substantially identical to the units on other portions of the land within the project or [it shall] describe in detail what other type of units may be created[-]; and
- (vii) [The declaration shall] describe the declarant's reserved right, if any, to create limited common areas and facilities within any convertible land in terms of the types, sizes, and maximum number of the limited common areas within each convertible land.
- (b) The condominium plat recorded with the declaration may provide or supplement the information required under Subsection (3)(a).
- (4) If the condominium <u>project</u> is an expandable condominium project, the declaration <u>shall</u>:
- (a) (i) [(A) The declaration shall] contain an explicit reservation of an option to expand the project[-];
- [(B)] (ii) [The declaration shall] include a statement of any limitations on the option to expand, including a statement as to whether the consent of any unit owners [shall be] is required and, a statement as to the method by which consent shall be ascertained, or a statement that there are no such limitations[:];
- [(ii)] (iii) [The declaration shall] include a time limit, not exceeding seven years [from the date of the recording of] after the day on which the declaration is recorded, upon which the option to expand the condominium project [shall expire, together with] expires and a statement of any circumstances [which] that will terminate the option [prior to] before expiration of the specified time limits[:];
- [(iii)] (iv) [The declaration shall] contain a legal description by metes and bounds of all land that may be added to the condominium project, which is known as additional land[-];
  - [(iv)] (v) [The declaration shall] state:
- (A) if any of the additional land is added to the condominium project, whether all of it or any particular portion of it must be added;

121	(B) any limitations as to what portions may be added; or
122	(C) a statement that there are no such limitations[-];
123	[(v)] (vi) [The declaration shall] include a statement as to whether portions of the
124	additional land may be added to the condominium project at different times, [together with]
125	including any limitations fixing the boundaries of those portions by legal descriptions setting
126	forth the metes and bounds of these lands and regulating the order in which they may be added
127	to the condominium project[-];
128	[(vi)] (vii) [The declaration shall] include a statement of any limitations [as to] on the
129	locations of any improvements that may be made on any portions of the additional land added
130	to the condominium project, or a statement that no assurances are made in that regard[-];
131	[(viii)] (viii) (A) [The declaration shall] state the maximum number of units that may be
132	created on the additional land[.—If];
133	(B) if portions of the additional land may be added to the condominium project and the
134	boundaries of those portions are fixed in accordance with Subsection $(4)(a)[v)$ , the
135	declaration shall also state the maximum number of units that may be created on each portion
136	added to the condominium project[. If]; and
137	(C) if portions of the additional land may be added to the condominium project and the
138	boundaries of those portions are not fixed in accordance with Subsection (4)(a)[(v)](vi), [then
139	the declaration shall also] state the maximum number of units per acre that may be created on
140	any portion added to the condominium project[-];
141	[(viii)] (ix) [With] with respect to the additional land and to any portion of [it] the
142	additional land that may be added to the condominium project, [the declaration shall] state the
143	maximum percentage of the aggregate land and floor area of all units that may be created on it,
144	the use of which will not or may not be restricted exclusively to residential purposes[.
145	However, these statements need not be supplied if], unless none of the units on the land
146	originally within the project are restricted exclusively to residential use[-];
147	[(ix)] $(x)$ [The declaration shall] state the extent to which any structures erected on any
148	portion of the additional land added to the condominium project will be compatible with
149	structures on the land originally within the project in terms of quality of construction, the
150	principal materials to be used, and architectural style[. The declaration may also state], or that
151	no assurances are made in those regards[-];

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[(x)] (xi) [The declaration shall] describe all other improvements that will be made on any portion of the additional land added to the condominium project, [or it shall contain a statement of] including any limitations [as to] on what other improvements may be made on [it. The declaration may also] the additional land, or state that no assurances are made in that regard[-];

[(xi)] (xii) [The declaration shall] contain a statement that any units created on any portion of the additional land added to the condominium project will be substantially identical to the units on the land originally within the project, [or] a statement of any limitations [as to] on what types of units may be created on [it. The declaration may also contain] the additional land, or a statement that no assurances are made in that regard[-]; and

[(xiii)] (xiii) [The declaration shall] describe the declarant's reserved right, if any, to create limited common areas and facilities within any portion of the additional land added to the condominium project, in terms of the types, sizes, and maximum number of limited common areas within each portion[. The declaration may also], or state that no assurances are made in those regards.

- (b) The condominium plat recorded with the declaration may provide or supplement the information required under Subsections  $(4)(a)[\frac{(iii)}{(iii)}](\underline{iv})$  through  $[\frac{(a)(vi)}{(vii)}]$  and  $(a)[\frac{(ix)}{(vii)}](\underline{v})$  through  $[\frac{(a)(xii)}{(vii)}]$ .
  - (5) If the condominium project is a contractible condominium, the declaration shall:
- (a) (i) [The declaration shall] contain an explicit reservation of an option to contract the condominium project[:];
- (ii) [The declaration shall] contain a statement of any limitations on the option to contract, including a statement [as to] regarding whether the consent of any unit owners [shall be] is required, and if so, a statement [as to] regarding the method by which this consent shall be ascertained[. The declaration may also contain], or a statement that there are no such limitations[:];
- (iii) [The declaration shall] state the time limit, not exceeding seven years [from the recording of] after the day on which the declaration is recorded, upon which the option to contract the condominium project [shall expire] expires, together with a statement of any circumstances [which] that will terminate [this] the option [prior to] before expiration of the specified time limit[-];

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183	[(b) (i)] (iv) [The declaration shall] include a legal description by metes and bounds of
184	all land that may be withdrawn from the condominium project, which is known as
185	withdrawable land[-];
186	[(ii)] $(v)$ [The declaration shall] include a statement as to whether portions of the
187	withdrawable land may be withdrawn from the condominium project at different times,
188	together with any limitations fixing the boundaries of those portions by legal descriptions
189	setting forth the metes and bounds and regulating the order in which they may be withdrawn
190	from the condominium project[-]; and
191	[(iii)] (vi) [The declaration shall] include a legal description by metes and bounds of all
192	of the land within the condominium project to which the option to contract the project does not
193	extend.
194	[(e)] (b) The condominium plat recorded with the declaration may provide or
195	supplement the information required under [Subsection (5)(b)] Subsections (5)(a)(iv) through
196	<u>(vi)</u> .
197	(6) (a) If the condominium project is a leasehold condominium, [then] the declaration
198	shall, with respect to any ground lease or other leases the expiration or termination of which
199	will or may terminate or contract the condominium project:
200	(i) [The declaration shall] include recording information enabling the location of each
201	lease in the official records of the county recorder[-];
202	(ii) [The declaration shall] include the date upon which each lease is due to expire[-];
203	(iii) [The declaration shall] state whether any land or improvements will be owned by
204	the unit owners in fee simple[. If];
205	(iv) if there is to be fee simple ownership of any land or improvement, as described in
206	Subsection (6)(a)(iii), [the declaration shall] include:
207	(A) a description of the land or improvements, including [without limitation,] a legal
208	description by metes and bounds of the land; or
209	(B) a statement of any rights the unit owners have to remove these improvements
210	within a reasonable time after the expiration or termination of the lease or leases involved, or a
211	statement that they shall have no such rights[:]; and
212	[(iv)] (v) [The declaration shall] include a statement of the rights the unit owners have
213	to extend or renew any of the leases or to redeem or purchase any of the reversions, or a

statement that they have no such rights.

- (b) After the recording of the declaration, [no] <u>a</u> lessor who executed the declaration, [and no] <u>or the lessor's</u> successor in interest [to this lessor], [has any right or power to] <u>may not</u> terminate any part of the leasehold interest of any unit owner who:
- (i) makes timely payment of [his] the unit owner's share of the rent to the persons designated in the declaration for the receipt of the rent; and
- (ii) otherwise complies with all covenants which would entitle the lessor to terminate the lease if [they] the covenants were violated.
- (7) (a) If the condominium project contains time period units, the declaration shall also contain the location of each condominium unit in the calendar year. This information shall be set out in a fourth column of the exhibit or schedule referred to in Subsection 57-8-7(2), if the exhibit or schedule accompanies the declaration.
- (b) The declaration shall also put timeshare owners on notice that tax notices will be sent to the management committee, not each timeshare owner.
- (c) The time period units created with respect to any given physical unit shall be such that the aggregate of the durations involved constitute a full calendar year.
- (8) (a) The declaration, bylaws, and condominium plat shall be duly executed and acknowledged by all of the owners and any lessees of the land which is made subject to this chapter.
- (b) As used in Subsection (8)(a), "owners and lessees" does not include, in their respective capacities, any mortgagee, any trustee or beneficiary under a deed of trust, any other lien holder, any person having an equitable interest under any contract for the sale or lease of a condominium unit, or any lessee whose leasehold interest does not extend to any portion of the common areas and facilities.
  - (9) (a) As used in this section, "rentals" or "rental unit" means:
- (i) a unit owned by an individual not described in Subsection (9)(a)(ii) that is occupied by someone while no unit owner occupies the unit as the unit owner's primary residence; and
  - (ii) a unit owned by an entity or trust, regardless of who occupies the unit.
- (b) (i) Subject to Subsections (9)(c), (f), and (g), and except as provided in Subsection (10), an association of unit owners may:
  - (A) create restrictions on the number and term of rentals in a condominium project; or

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following occur:

245	(B) prohibit rentals in the condominium project.
246	(ii) An association of unit owners that creates a rental restriction or prohibition in
247	accordance with Subsection (9)(b)(i) shall create the rental restriction or prohibition in a
248	declaration or by amending the declaration.
249	(c) [H] Subject to Subsection (9)(h), if an association of unit owners prohibits or
250	imposes restrictions on the number and term of rentals, the restrictions shall include:
251	(i) a provision that requires a condominium project to exempt from the rental
252	restrictions the following unit owner and the unit owner's unit:
253	(A) a unit owner in the military for the period of the unit owner's deployment;
254	(B) a unit occupied by a unit owner's parent, child, or sibling;
255	(C) a unit owner whose employer has relocated the unit owner for no less than two
256	years; or
257	(D) a unit owned by a trust or other entity created for estate planning purposes if the
258	trust or other estate planning entity was created for the estate of:
259	(I) a current resident of the unit; or
260	(II) the parent, child, or sibling of the current resident of the unit;
261	(ii) a provision [allowing] that allows a unit owner who has a rental in the
262	condominium project before the time the rental restriction described in Subsection (9)(b)(i) is
263	recorded with the county recorder of the county in which the condominium project is located to
264	continue renting until:
265	(A) the unit owner occupies the unit; or
266	(B) an officer, owner, member, trustee, beneficiary, director, or person holding a
267	similar position of ownership or control of an entity or trust that holds an ownership interest in
268	the unit, occupies the unit; and
269	(iii) a requirement that the association of unit owners create, by rule or resolution,
270	procedures to:
271	(A) determine and track the number of rentals and units in the condominium project
272	subject to the provisions described in Subsections (9)(c)(i) and (ii); and
273	(B) ensure consistent administration and enforcement of the rental restrictions.

(d) For purposes of Subsection (9)(c)(ii), a transfer occurs when one or more of the

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276	(i) the conveyance, sale, or other transfer of a unit by deed;
277	(ii) the granting of a life estate in the unit; or
278	(iii) if the unit is owned by a limited liability company, corporation, partnership, or
279	other business entity, the sale or transfer of more than 75% of the business entity's share, stock,
280	membership interests, or partnership interests in a 12-month period.
281	(e) This section does not limit or affect residency age requirements for an association
282	of unit owners that complies with the requirements of the Housing for Older Persons Act, 42
283	U.S.C. Sec. 3607.
284	(f) A declaration or amendment to a declaration recorded [prior to] before transfer of
285	the first unit from the initial declarant may prohibit or restrict rentals without providing for the
286	exceptions, provisions, and procedures required under Subsection (9)(c).
287	(g) This section does not apply to:
288	(i) a condominium project [containing] that contains a time period unit as defined in
289	Section 57-8-3;
290	(ii) any other form of timeshare interest as defined in Section 57-19-2; or
291	(iii) a condominium project in which the initial declaration is recorded before May 12,
292	2009.
293	(h) [Notwithstanding this section, an] An association of unit owners may, upon
294	unanimous approval by all unit owners, restrict or prohibit rentals without an exception
295	described in Subsection (9)(c).
296	(10) If a condominium project's initial declaration was recorded before May 12, 2009,
297	the association of unit owners may not prohibit or restrict a unit owner's ability to lease or rent
298	the unit owner's unit to any greater extent than is described in the declaration that was recorded

at the time the unit owner purchased the unit owner's unit, unless the unit owner provides

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